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Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia in relation to the gross violation of the ceasefire regime by the Azerbaijani armed forces in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone on 3 August 2022, as a result of which 2 servicemen were killed and 19 wounded (see annex).

This deliberate escalation of the situation was preceded by the invasion by Azerbaijani armed forces of the village of Parukh, Nagorno-Karabakh, on 24 March 2022, warmongering and anti-Armenian hate speech at the highest level and targeted attacks on civilian settlements with the aim to intimidate the Armenian population and impose maximum inhumane conditions for life.

A resolute and unequivocal reaction of the international community to the genocidal policy of Azerbaijan and attempts to impose unilateral solutions by use or threat of use of force in violation of its obligations under international law and the Trilateral Statement of 9 November 2020 is ever more urgent for ensuring the protection and fundamental human rights, including the right to life, of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh.

I kindly ask that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35, 72, 73, 74 and 134, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 4 August 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Armenia

3 August 2022

On August 3, 2022, the armed forces of Azerbaijan, once again violating the November 9, 2020, Trilateral Statement of the leaders of Armenia, Russia and Azerbaijan on the cessation of hostilities in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone, launched aggression in the area of responsibility of the Russian peacekeeping contingent, resulting in casualties and wounded ones.

Despite the steps undertaken by the Armenian side for achieving stability and peace in the region, Azerbaijan continues its pre-planned policy of terrorizing the population of Nagorno-Karabakh, subjecting them to ethnic cleansing and creeping occupation of Nagorno-Karabakh.

We remind that the illegal incursion of the Azerbaijani armed forces in the direction of Parukh village on March 24 of this year, the attack on the Khtsaberd and Hin Tagher villages on December 11, 2020, in the area of responsibility of the Russian peacekeeping contingent are cases of similar aggression and violation of the ceasefire.

We consider unacceptable the statements of the Azerbaijani side attempting to unilaterally change the legal regime in the Lachin Corridor defined by provision 6 of the Trilateral Statement, and reaffirm that the road passing through the Lachin Corridor can be changed only according to the plan approved by the parties to the Statement.

As it is clearly defined by the Statement from November 9, within the next three years, the parties (i.e. the Russian Federation, the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan) should determine the plan for the construction of a new traffic road through the Lachin Corridor connecting Armenia with Nagorno-Karabakh, with the subsequent redeployment of Russian peacekeeping contingent for the protection of that road.

We emphasize that there is no such plan approved within a trilateral format so far, and we call on all parties to the Trilateral Statement to adhere to their commitments, to put immediate efforts to implement the conditions established by the Statement of November 9, including the maintenance of a ceasefire regime, the opening of regional communications, the release and return of prisoners of war, hostages and other detainees.

We consider it necessary to underscore once again that the Republic of Armenia has fulfilled all its obligations. The reason for the non-implementation of a number of provisions of the trilateral statement of November 9 is the arbitrary interpretations, continued aggressive rhetoric and actions by Azerbaijan.

The Republic of Armenia, reiterating its commitment to the agenda of establishing peace and stability in the region, calls on the international community to undertake measures toward halting the aggressive behaviour and actions of Azerbaijan and launching the necessary international mechanisms for that.